

Nari, Son of Rari

among the company who dreamed
dreams of
Tahiti. He was not actually here for
long. In
his own books, and still more in the
books of his
wife and friends about him, anyone
who cares
may obtain the exact facts and dates.
I shall not.
I prefer this dream picture. I want it
to stand as
he wrote it. - I have read it in Papara,
and Papara
I know. I too, can dream dreams in
Papara. But
of what sort they are, hear ye.

The family from whom has
descended Nari
has been a great one in Tahiti. It has
been bound
up with the history of this branch of
the Poly-
nesian people for close on a thousand
years; one
:piight almost say it is their history.
They alone
have set out the story in a printed
book, and all
who know anything of the island know
who they
are. But this is not the chapter in
which we shall
try to see a little of that history, and
for reasons
of my own I have changed the name

where Jack
London did not. 'Nari' shall have the
obscurity he
would prefer with the ordinary reader ;
he cannot
deny to others the inevitable
consequences of his
fame if so they desire. For myself I am
honoured
in calling myself his friend and he has
been my host.